

Chithkala School of dance today is one of the most renowned Bharatanatyam institutions, seamlessly forging a balance between tradition and modernity. The dance school is committed to time tested traditions of teaching, practice and performance while also exploring newer interpretations of the form.

The institution is headed and founded by contemporary, prominent dancer P Praveen Kumar. He's a recipient of several awards from the Central Government and State Government and his performances have been well received by critics, connoisseurs and the layman alike.

His training under reputed gurus Smt.Narmada and C.V.Chandrasekhar have helped him stay true to the strong traditional values of Bharatanatyam, explore its nuances on a deeper level. He is now successfully passing the baton to the next generation, nurturing individual/solo dancers under his guidance.

Praveen Kumar believes that learning is always two-sided and has strived to be relevant, without losing the essence of the form. His vast experience as a performer, choreographer, understanding of literature, music and awareness of the rasika's tastes have proved to be an asset to his teaching patterns.

Praveen always grooms his students to develop their own style and approach to the form, without spoon-feeding them. His disciples have transitioned into graceful performers over the years who have an identity of their own.

The students from the institution have garnered awards and recognition at various festivals and competitions. Some of the students have been bestowed by government scholarships (central and state). The groups have performed at several prestigious dance festivals across the country.